

I CLAIM:

1 1. An interlocking stand for storing and charging a rechargeable
2 appliance, the stand comprising:

3 means for supporting the appliance for storage;

4 at least one electrical contact inside said supporting means for
5 connection to the appliance;

6 means for providing power to said at least one electrical contact; and

7 means for interlocking said stand with another stand.

1 2. The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein said supporting means
2 includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab disposed on
3 said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

1 3. The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein said supporting means
2 includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole disposed on
3 said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

1 4. The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein said supporting means
2 includes a base and a cradle secured to said base.

1 5. The interlocking stand of claim 4 wherein said base and said
2 cradle form a docking recess for the appliance.

1 6. The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein the appliance is one of
2 a hair trimmer and a hair clipper.

1 7. The interlocking stand of claim 2 wherein said base includes two
2 edges, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab disposed along at least
3 one of said edges.

1 8. The interlocking stand of claim 3 wherein said base includes two
2 edges, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole disposed along at least
3 one of said edges.

1 9. A set of interlocking stands for storing and charging rechargeable
2 appliances, the set comprising:

3 at least two stands configured to receive the rechargeable appliances;

4 means associated with said stands for supporting the appliances for
5 storage;

6 at least one electrical contact inside said supporting means for
7 connection to the appliances;

8 means for providing power to said at least one electrical contact; and

9 means for interlocking one of said stands with another stand.

1 10. The set of interlocking stands of claim 9 wherein a first stand of
2 plurality of stands includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one
3 tab disposed on said base and configured to engage another of said stands.

1 11. The set of interlocking stands of claim 10 wherein a second stand
2 of said plurality of stands includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at
3 least one hole disposed on said base and configured for receiving said at least one tab
4 of said first stand.

1 12. The set of interlocking stands of claim 11 wherein said bases are
2 configured so that upon said interlocking engagement, upper surfaces of said first and
3 second stands are generally flush with each other.

1 13. The set of interlocking stands of claim 9 wherein said supporting
2 means includes a base and a cradle secured to said base.

1 14. An interlocking stand for storing an appliance, the stand
2 comprising:

3 means for supporting the appliance for storage; and

4 means for interlocking the stand with another stand.

1 15. The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said means for
2 interlocking is configured so that when said stand is interlocked with the other stand,
3 upper surfaces of said stand and the other stand are generally flush.

1 16. The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said supporting
2 means includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab
3 disposed on said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

1 17. The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said supporting
2 means includes a base having at least one side edge having a lateral detent configured
3 for engaging a complementary lateral detent of the other stand.

1 18. The interlocking stand of claim 17 further including at least one
2 tab depending from an edge of said detent.

1 19. The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said supporting
2 means includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole
3 disposed on said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

1 20. The interlocking stand of claim 19 wherein said supporting
2 means includes a base having at least one side edge having a lateral detent configured
3 for engaging a complementary lateral detent of the other stand.

1 21. The interlocking stand of claim 20 further including at least one
2 hole located in said detent.

1 22. A set of interlocking stands for storing an appliance, the set
2 comprising:

3 at least two stands configured to receive the appliance;
4 means for supporting the appliance for storage; and
5 means for interlocking one of the stands with another stand.

1 23. The set of interlocking stands of claim 22 wherein said first stand
2 includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab disposed on
3 said base and configured to engage another of said stands.

1 24. The set of interlocking stands of claim 22 wherein said first stand
2 includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole disposed on
3 said base and configured to engage another of said stands.

1 25. The set of interlocking stands of claim 22 wherein said first stand
2 includes a detent and at least one hole provided on said detent, and wherein another of
3 said stands has a detent edge and at least one tab disposed on said detent edge to form
4 said interlocking relationship between said stands.